

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, drawn to a system for tire or tire pieces including FIGS. 1-3 and including claims 1-6, 12, and 13;

Species II, drawn to a system for processing a material including rubber granules including FIG. 4 and including claims 1-4 and 7-11; and

Species III, drawn to a system for processing a material including a granulate freeze system including FIG. 8 and including claim 1-4 and 14-17.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Species II, including FIG. 4 and claims 1-4 and 7-11.

A. TRAVERSAL

It is respectfully submitted that the election of species requirement is improper in view of the fact that a reasonable number of species is set forth in the present application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his election of species requirement and act on all of the claims in the present application. If the Examiner does persist in his election of species requirement, the Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims at a later date if they so desire.

If the Examiner determines that independent claim 1 is allowable, then all of the claims depending from claim should be rejoined and considered allowable as well.

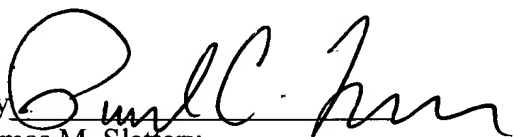
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50,786) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicants hereby petition for an extension of one (1) month to October 8, 2005 in which to file a reply to the Office Action. The required fee of \$60.00 is enclosed herewith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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